country like the telephone services. If so, what are the Governemnt plans/time table by which all the villages will be covered;

(b) how many out of the total villages in Haryana have been provided with post offices and by when the remaining villages will be covered; and

(c) how many type of postal services are being provided by the Department at the village level and what are the pattern of the various services being provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Post Offices in rural areas are opened as per norms, subject to availablity of funds and Plan targets. Norms are as follows:—

	Normal area	Hilly tribal, desert and inaccessible areas
Population	3000	1000
Distance from the nearest Post Office	3 Kms.	3 Kms.
Income to cost	33.1/3%	15%

(b) In Haryana, 2270 villages, out of 6757 have already been provided with post offices. Remaining villages will be coverd in course of time, subject to their fulfilling the norms and availability of resources and Plan targets.

(c) Postal services, namely, collection and delivery of mail, registration, parcel, insured, money order and Savings Bank facility, are being provided at the vilage level and the pattern of these services are through either extra departmental branch post office or departmental sub post office.

Shifting of Telephones

2677. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of transfer of telephone connections in Delhi have been delayed beyond the usual time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to simplify the procedure of shifting of telephone connections;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Noarmally cases relating to transfer of telephones are disposed of within the usual time subject to submission of proper documents by the subscriber.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Procedure for shifting has been simplified in respect of telephones provided under OYT-Scheme by permitting the shift if its date of registration has been covered in the exchange are where it is required to be shifted or it has worked for a period of at least six months in the exchange area from where it is required to be shifted.

In the case of telephone connections provided under Tatkal Category, local shift is permitted without any pre-condition.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Post Offices without Public Telephone Facility in Gujarat

2678. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices/sub-post offices in Gujarat without public telephone facility; and